

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-11. Cancelled.

12. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a display device ~~for that displaying~~ displays a view region that comprises comprising at least ~~one~~ ~~two~~ trading quadrants,

~~showing a benchmark instrument and a plurality of issues related in which each quadrant displays a plurality of non-benchmark issues related to a benchmark instrument;~~

~~in which the view region comprises a first quadrant representing a first benchmark instrument and a second quadrant representing a second benchmark instrument;~~

a keyboard comprising:

(1) a first plurality of keys, in which one of the first plurality of keys corresponds to the benchmark instrument; and

(2) a second plurality of keys ~~for placing orders, in which each of the second plurality of keys is mapped to a function that corresponds to the benchmark instrument;~~

a storage device having a program stored therein; and

a processor coupled to the storage device, to the display device and to the keyboard, in which the program, when executed by the processor, directs the processor to perform the following actions ~~in response to a trader pressing the key that corresponds to the benchmark instrument:~~

~~in response to one of the first plurality of keys being pressed, directing the display device to select the at least ~~one~~ trading first quadrant and map each of the second plurality of keys to execute a first function that corresponds to the first benchmark instrument; and~~

~~in response to a different one of the first plurality of key being pressed, directing the display device to select the second quadrant and re-map each of the second plurality of keys such that each one of the second plurality of keys is used~~

to place orders on a specific issue displayed in the at least one quadrant- to execute a second function that corresponds to the first benchmark instrument, in which the second function differs from the first function.

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor is a first processor, the system further comprising:

a second processor configured to execute the first function process an order on the specific issue in response to the trader pressing receiving an indication that one of the second plurality of keys has been pressed.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 ~~44, in which the second processor being further configured to execute a trade on the specific issue based on the processed order, first function comprises:~~

placing an order on a non-benchmark issue that corresponds to the first benchmark instrument.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, the first processor being further configured to direct the display device to display information relating to ~~the an~~ executed trade in the ~~at least one trading~~ first quadrant in real-time.

16. (Original) The system of claim 14 further comprising a back office clearing center coupled to the second processor for causing the executed trade to be cleared and for verifying that the executed trade is cleared.

17. Cancelled.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the benchmark instrument is a first benchmark instrument, the display device displaying a second trading quadrant in the view region simultaneously with displaying the benchmark instrument, the second trading quadrant showing a second benchmark instrument and a plurality of issues related to the second benchmark instrument, further comprising:

a toggle key that changes a type of view of the view region.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, ~~wherein a second one of the first plurality of keys corresponds to the second benchmark instrument, and in response to the trader pressing the second one of the first plurality of keys, the processor being further configured to: direct the display device to select the second trading quadrant; and map the second plurality of keys such that each one of the second plurality of keys is used to place orders on a specific issue displayed in the second trading quadrant; in which the type of view comprises at least one of:~~

a benchmark view; and
a specific view.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, ~~the keyboard further having a plurality of issue keys, wherein each one of the plurality of issue keys, when pressed, causes the processor to direct the display device to select a non-benchmark issue in an other trading quadrant, in which the first benchmark instrument is of a first type and the second benchmark instrument is of a second type that is different from the first type.~~

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, ~~the processor further configured to map the second plurality of keys such that at least one of the second plurality of keys is used to place orders on a specific non-benchmark issue displayed in the other trading quadrant in response to the trader pressing one of the plurality of issue keys; in which the first type is a U.S. bond and the second type is an European currency.~~

22 (Currently Amended) The system of claim 19, the at least ~~one~~ two trading quadrants ~~and the second trading quadrant being~~ are spatially aligned in the view region to correspond to a spatial alignment, on the keyboard, of the ~~one~~ and the ~~second~~ one of the first plurality of keys.

23-29. Cancelled.

30. (New) A system comprising:

a display device that displays a view region comprising at least two quadrants,
in which each quadrant displays a plurality of non-benchmark issues
related to a benchmark instrument;

in which the view region comprises a first quadrant representing a
first benchmark instrument and a second quadrant representing a second
benchmark instrument;

a keyboard comprising:

a first plurality of keys, in which each of the first plurality of keys
corresponds to a benchmark instrument; and
a second plurality of keys, in which each of the second plurality of
keys is mapped to a function that corresponds to the benchmark instrument;
and

a toggle key that changes a type of view of the view region;
a storage device having a program stored therein; and
a processor coupled to the storage device, to the display device and to the keyboard,
in which the program, when executed by the processor, directs the processor to perform the
following actions:

in response to one of the first plurality of keys being pressed, directing the
display device to select the first quadrant and map each of the second plurality of keys to
execute a first function that corresponds to the first benchmark instrument;

in response to a different one of the first plurality of key being pressed,
directing the display device to select the second quadrant and re-map each of the second
plurality of keys to execute a second function that corresponds to the first benchmark
instrument, in which the second function differs from the first function.

31. (New) The system of claim 30, in which the processor is a first processor, the system
further comprising:

a second processor that is configured to execute the first function in response to
receiving an indication that one of the second plurality of keys has been pressed.

32. (New) The system of claim 30, in which the first function comprises:
placing an order on a non-benchmark issue that corresponds to the first benchmark instrument.
33. (New) The system of claim 32, the first processor being further configured to direct the display device to display information relating to an executed trade in the first quadrant in real-time.
34. (New) The system of claim 32 further comprising a back office clearing center coupled to the second processor for causing the executed trade to be cleared and for verifying that the executed trade is cleared.
35. (New) The system of claim 30, in which the type of view comprises at least one of:
a benchmark view; and
a specific view.
36. (New) The system of claim 30, in which the first benchmark instrument is of a first type and the second benchmark instrument is of a second type that is different from the first type.
37. (New) The system of claim 36, in which the first type is a U.S. bond and the second type is an European currency.
38. (New) The system of claim 30, in which the at least two quadrants are spatially aligned in the view region to correspond to a spatial alignment, on the keyboard, of the first plurality of keys.